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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before the first action in this case, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please change the title to --DATA SYSTEM--.

Please add the following before the section entitled "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" on page 1 of the present application:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/113,783, filed July 10, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,131,816, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/105,696, filed June 26, 1998, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 07/871,447, filed April 21, 1992, now abandoned, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent No. 5,107,099, which issued from an application filed April 24, 1989.--

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